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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION WITH BULGARIA

REF: A) SOFIA 399 B) STATE 39423

1. BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS ALREADY SCHEDULED, USDA WOULD PREFER VISITS OF BULGARIAN AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS BE DELAYED UNTIL MAY. SINCE PERIOD BETWEEN NOW AND APRIL BCP CONGRESS IS RULED OUT IN ANY EVENT (REF A), WE ASSUME THIS WILL NOT CAUSE PROBLEMS TO GOB. IF THIS ASSUMPTION IS WRONG, WE WOULD BE OPEN TO GOB PROPOSAL FOR EARLIER DATES IF THEY COULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WORKED INTO SCHEDULE. (LAST WEEK OF APRIL IS

TENTATIVELY COMMITTED TO POLES AND IS NOT OPEN,)

2. AS EXPLAINED IN REF. B, USDA COULD NOT RPT NOT
COMMIT ITSELF TO NEGOTIATION OF JOINT STATEMENT UNTIL
PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS HELD AND POSSIBLE AREAS OF
COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY EXCHANGE OF ECONOMIC DATA,
IDENTIFIED. THIS NEED NOT REDUCE UTILITY OF VISIT,
HOWEVER, SINCE IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY MUTUAL
INTERESTS AND AREAS OF COOPERATION WHICH COULD BE
DEVELOPED THROUGH EXISTING CHANNELS.

3. AS IS OUR CUSTOM, WE ENVISAGE THAT VISITS EITHER
UAY BETWEEN US AND BULGARIAWOULD BE ON SENDING-SIDE-PAYS
BASIS WITHOUT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR EITHER HOST
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